

NEW FLAG HAS BEEN RISEN

BIRTH OF CUBAN REPUBLIC HAPPILY PROCLAIMED.

HAVANA, May 21.—The natal day of the republic of Cuba found Havana arrayed like a queen to await the coming of her lord. She seemed reinvested for the occasion with the dignity of the prosperous days of her power and wealth.

The decorations were universal. In some cases men had worked all night by the light of torches to complete elaborate designs. There was not a residence, pretentious or humble, that did not bear upon its quaint facade some emblem in honor of the event. The many arches erected at the entrance of plazas had an air of real grandeur.

The scaffolding was covered with canvas painted in imitation marble, and from a distance the illusion was complete. Bunting spread on Venetian masks canopied the deep narrow streets from the rays of the sun. Beneath the canopies the Cuban colors and palms graced open doorways, through which glimpses could be caught of luxuriant gardens in cool inner courts. Many of the balconies jutting from the white walled buildings were adorned with roses.

NATURE IN KINDLY MOOD.

Nature seemed in harmony with the spirit of the festivities. The parks were literally aflame with tropical flowers and the vaulted sky above might have been chiselled of turquoise. Above every red tiled roof rose a Cuban flag. The whole city seemed buried beneath a forest of waving banners.

The decorations along the water front were exceedingly lavish and all the shipping in the harbor was dressed in gala attire. The majority of the ships flew the American ensign at the main and the Cuban colors at the fore or mizen.

The United States armoured cruiser, Brooklyn, which was to take General Wood away, and the steamer Morro Castle of the Ward line, on which the troops were to embark, as well as the foreign war ships which had been sent by their government to be present at the birth of the new republic were dressed with streamers of signal flags fore and aft, made in war fashion. American colors, which were to be hauled down in a few hours, still floated above the grim walls of the fortress which guarded the entrance of the harbor. Not another bit of color showed upon them.

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS.

The early morning was cool and delightful, and the entire population, reinforced by thousands of visitors, was abroad soon after daylight. All was animation and expectancy. The streets were swarming with people and were filled with a ceaseless din. The babble of voices was drowned by the sharp cries of drivers and the clamor of warning bells. As the coaches drove their carriages madly over the stony pavements, pedestrians had a busy time keeping out of the way of the wheels. There are 4,000 public carriages in Havana, and this morning each of them seemed going somewhere on a life or death mission.

Much curiosity was aroused by a statue of freedom which had been raised during the night in Central park, upon the pedestal where, for centuries, a statue of Queen Isabelle had stood. During the morning a bountiful breakfast was given to several thousand poor children by Mr. Payne of Boston, who had passed the winter in Havana for many years.

As the day advanced the heat of the sun became intense and the weather grew hotter every minute.

The actual transfer of the control of the island was scheduled to occur exactly at noon (Havana time), but those invited to witness the ceremony were requested to be at the palace at 11:30 a. m. They include, besides the American officers, and members of President-elect Palma's cabinet, the members of congress, the supreme court judges, the governors of provinces, the officers of the visiting warships, the foreign consuls, William Jennings Bryan, the other visiting American statesmen, several of Senor Palma's Central Valley, N. Y., neighbors. Horatio Rubens, counsel for the former Cuban junta, and a few other especially invited guests.

The coal miners of Pennsylvania are out on a strike. 150,000 men idle.

Wyoming Has a Snowstorm.

Evanston, Wyo.—The snow storm which began in this vicinity Saturday night has continued without abatement. It is estimated that ten to fourteen inches of wet snow has fallen. Sheep and lambs are reported to be dying by thousands. A prominent sheep man estimates the loss in Uintah county alone will reach two hundred thousand head.

SWALLOWS IT UP

RECURRENCE OF EARTHQUAKES IN GUATEMALA.

A CITY TOTALLY DESTROYED

QUEZALTENANGO IS WIPED FROM FACE OF EARTH.

SHOCK OF BRIEF DURATION

Greater Part of Coffee Crop Destroyed, and Business Suspended.

Hamburg, May 24.—A special dispatch from the Hamburg Boersenhalle from Guatemala says that the town of Quezaltenango has been wholly destroyed by an earthquake which lasted three quarters of a minute. Business entirely suspended in Guatemala and a great part of the coffee crop here has been destroyed.

It is reported from Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 20 that earthquake shocks which were general throughout that country April 18, 19 and 20, partly obliterated the town of Quezaltenango and badly damaged Amatitlan, Solola, Nahuala, Santa Lucia and San Juan. Two hundred persons were reported killed, mostly women, and many people were injured. Quezaltenango has a population of about 25,000 people; is handsomely built and well paved and has a richly decorated cathedral, several other churches and a city hall.

Merchant Kills Himself.

St. Paul, Neb., May 24.—George Herring a merchant at Palmer, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by shooting himself through the heart. The deed was caused supposedly, by the discovery of alleged irregularities in his accounts as clerk of the local Modern Woodmen camp, which position he had held for nearly nine years. Hugh Anderson, who supposed himself in good standing in the organization, died recently. When his widow attempted to collect the insurance she found that he had been suspended on the records of the head camp since 1894. It is alleged that he had paid his dues regularly to Herring, but that they were not remitted. Mr. Herring was a man about forty-five years. He leaves a widow and one son, who is almost grown.

Found Lying Dead Together.

South Bend, Ind., May 24.—John W. Curry, aged thirty-one, a carpenter, shot and killed his sweetheart, Susanne Keesemeti, aged sixteen early today and then shot himself with the same revolver.

Curry and the girl with her parents, all apparently in good spirits, sat on the porch until midnight, when the family retired. About five minutes later the mother heard three shots. She gave the matter but little thought however, and went to sleep. At two o'clock she awoke, and looking out saw the bodies of her daughter and Curry lying on the ground. The couple had evidently planned to die together.

The girl had laid her best dress and underclothing on a chair in the parlor and the man was attired in his best clothes. They apparently had laid on the ground side by side. He then evidently placed the 38-caliber revolver over her heart and fired twice. Both bullets not an inch apart passed through her body and buried themselves in the ground. He then shot himself in the mouth. His right hand still clutched the weapon. There was no indication of a struggle and no reason for the tragedy is known.

Woman Kills Her Husband.

Pittsburg, May 24.—Joseph Pearson, a horse jockey was shot and instantly killed by his wife Louise, at the latter's home in Esplenborough last night.

He was in the act of braining her with a hatchet when the women warned of his intentions by numerous remarks which he had let drop during the day, fired point blank at his head.

The bullet entered the right cheek and lodged in the brain, Pearson falling a corpse at her feet. Mrs. Pearson surrendered to the officers at once and will be held pending the coroner's inquest.

Two Men For Penitentiary.

Kearney, Neb., May 24.—Sheila Sammons has received the commitment papers from the clerk of the district court for the removal of Lester Strong and Arthur Snowden to the penitentiary. Strong to serve five years and Snowden eighteen months from May 20, 1902. The sheriff will take them to Lincoln. Strong was sent up two years ago on the charge of rape and was waiting a new trial.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

The salary of the postmaster at Butte has been raised to \$1,100.

Catholics will build a church at Plainview.

An anonymous philanthropist offers to build a home for Omaha newsboys.

Germany's twenty-two shipyards give employment to 60,000 men.

David C. Dodd of Omaha has secured an appointment as railway postal clerk.

W. H. Ferguson, of Hastings, is said to own a hundred grain elevators at different points on the Burlington railway system.

August Hennins, a young man living south of Plattsmouth is reported to have fallen into a fortune of \$50,000 by the death of his adopted parents in Germany.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins, a nurse, was seriously and probably fatally burned. Her clothing caught fire and she was so badly burned that there is little hope of her recovery.

The Nebraska Normal won the third interstate debate from the Emporia "Jayhawkers." F. J. Minsday, Edison, C. B. Buckley, Bradshaw, and E. J. Gilbert, Johnson, represented Nebraska.

Horse thieves are at work at Falls City. John Strauss, a young farmer, came to town and hitched a horse at the public square, which was stolen during the evening with buggy and harness.

Henry Schutte, living four miles west of Hickman, rescued his two-year-old son from a large rattlesnake. The snake had bitten the boy and was preparing to strike again when the father killed the reptile.

David Guthrie has applied for a receiver for the firm of Guthrie Brothers of Superior. The application is made because the two brothers in the milling company cannot agree as to the division of the business.

A number of local capitalists are considering a plan to build an electric railroad from Nebraska City to Sidney, Ia. No road runs through that country. The company is seeking permission from the Burlington to use its bridge over the Missouri.

The Carnegie library building at Lincoln was opened to the public Tuesday afternoon, May 27. Prominent citizens made addresses on library topics. The building and fixtures cost \$77,000 and were donated by Mr. Carnegie.

It has been rumored at Plattsmouth that Will Berger and Miss Ida Murray have been married in Council Bluffs. Berger deserted his wife, the sister of his new bride, and two small children, last summer and neither his wife nor his other relatives have known where he was since.

Arrangements have been made for holding union revival in a tent which will seat 2,500 persons at High School in Plattsmouth, commencing June 1. Evan,elist F. E. Smiley of Denver and a celebrated singer with a choir of 100 voices will conduct the services and furnish the music.

Deputy State Game Warden Counsman of Omaha, accompanied by Don Forbes, game warden for Dakota county, captured a trommel net 225 feet long, which contained 100 pounds of fish. The catch was distributed among the poor. The net was found near the farm of William Barnett. A forty-yard gill net was discovered on the premises of Charles Wester and was confiscated.

An exchange says: The stake which marks the half way point on the continent, from ocean to ocean, is on a ranch in Nebraska. The ranch comprises 8000 acres, on which H. D. Watson, an Easterner, has laid out a model farm in which agriculture, dairying, stock raising, bee culture and other similar lines of effort are operated on strictly scientific lines. It is his hope to make of it a gigantic outdoor school of agriculture. This farm is equipped with buildings sufficient to compose a good sized town. The farm is the largest of its kind in the world. An orchard contains 6000 peach trees, 3500 plums, 3000 apples, 5500 cherries and other kinds of fruit. There are more than 2500 acres of alfalfa. The dairy feature of the farm will be on a large scale. There is a central herd of cows and smaller herds to each of the smaller farms.

The funds for the public schools of the state will be divided among the various counties on the basis of \$1.10 to each person of school age. This is the semi-annual apportionment and is the largest ever made, with one exception. In 1898, \$1.20 was apportioned to each pupil of school age, but this was when a special effort was made to collect back taxes. The total sum to be apportioned is \$41,750, the school population being 377,000.

Independent Items

Excerpts From The Nebraska Independent, Lincoln, Nebraska, Made by Direction of the Populist State Central Committee.

Two bills which were introduced at the last session of the legislature by Mr. Taylor of Custer county deserve notice at this time because there will doubtless be an effort to introduce them again at the next session. These are house roll No. 428 and No. 430 of the 27th session.

No. 428 disqualifies any person for serving as a petit juror if within a year previous to the time of his being offered as a juror he has received or used free railroad transportation. No. 430 disqualifies a judge or justice from sitting in a case when he shall have received or used free transportation, unless by mutual consent of the parties to be made in writing and made a part of the records, the disability is waived.

The Independent understands that these bills were drawn up by Judge Ames and W. B. Price and were introduced by Mr. Taylor who believed thoroughly in the justice of making such provisions as the bills call for.

The State Press

The Hon. Charles Wooster of Merrick is engaged in a joint debate with Uncle George Wells of the Central City Democrat over the Meserve matter. If the honorable Charles would study the treasurer's report of 1898 he could see exactly the amount of money Bartley turned over to Meserve.

Horace M. Davis of the Greeley Leader-Independent claims to have a card up his sleeve on the Sixth district congressional nomination. He's for a democrat for governor, but accepts Dr. C. E. Coffin of Ord as second choice.

Col. C. J. Bowly of the Crete Democrat, in answer to the Nebraska City News' question: "Well, what is the matter with General Victor Vifquain (for governor)?" says, "He's all right; but we do not believe he has any show for the nomination. Smyth has the support of nearly every anti-trust voter in the state either as a first or second choice."

R. O. Adams of the Grand Island Democrat believes D. J. Koenigstein (the Norfolk Times-Tribune's candidate for governor) is certainly worthy of consideration.

E. A. Walrath of the Polk County Democrat, Osceola, thinks "W. L. Stark for governor will poll more votes than any other man at the present time. No other man in the state, in our opinion, can poll as many votes as did Silas Holcomb but our own Stark." But Bowly of the Crete Democrat and Wahly of the Adams County Democrat believe Stark is the only man to win in the Fourth for congress.

Alfred Pont of the Stanton Register observes that "John C. Sprecher is not being fought by any fusion paper in the state" and believes that Sprecher will do more than any other candidate to promote unity and harmony among the fusion forces. Most of the third district papers are whooping it up for Sprecher.

J. P. Hale of the Red Cloud Nation says, "Dr. Robert Damerell, in our opinion, will be the next governor of Nebraska. He is our own choice of a man who, if elected, will make the best governor Nebraska ever had."

Col. Edgah Howard of the Columbus Telegram has changed his tactics slightly and is now writing paragraphs for reproduction in his own party papers. Most of the time he writes that the republican papers "will please copy." "St. y with 'em, boys," is his latest slogan, "and make the nominee for governor a democrat of the Smyth or Vifquain stamp. Let's make the best fight there is in us. If we lose, then let us be ready to gracefully accept the leadership of some good and clean pop, like a Sutherland or a Sprecher." Good for Ed.

The Third district congressional nomination seems to have developed some misunderstandings. Moseley Warner of the Lyons Mirror brought out the name of B. A. Tawney of Pierce and a number of the Third district papers took up the cry in good earnest. Afterward a report got circulated that Tawney refuses to accept. "Tawney hasn't pulled out of the race," Warner tells Mark Murray of the Pender Times, "why don't some of you democrats look up matters before you commit yourselves? Senator Allen's Madison Mail can also spend some of its time looking up."

R. D. Kelly of the Fremont Leader is determined that Congressman Robinson shall not forget that he ousted Maxwell on the plea of taking turns, and notes that Tawney is mentioned and suggests that "Sprecher has been a standing candidate."

The Sixth district congressional fight lines up with R. L. Miller of Burwell backed by the Mascot of that place, his former paper; Judge W. H. Westover of Rushville backed by the Holt County Independent; the St. Paul Phonograph-Press favoring either Judge Homer M. Sullivan of Broken Bow or Mike Harrington of O'Neill; and the Greeley Citizen favoring Gen. P. H. Barry of Greeley.

Jason L. Claffin of the Ord Journal devotes over a column in supporting Dr. C. E. Coffin for governor. And C. B. Sprague of the Blair Republican "fully indorses" Dr. Coffin's candidacy. The Greeley Citizen, however, wants Coffin for auditor.

Between the lines one can read that Edwin S. Eves of the Holt County Independent would be glad to announce that M. F. Harrington would accept the nomination for governor. The question is, Will Mike accept? The Ewing Advocate and Boyd County Register are both enthusiastic for Harrington. Mr. Eves believes the nominee should be a populist, although he concedes that it "would certainly be hard for any fusionist to cast a vote in convention or at the polls against Billy Thompson (of Grand Island)."

R. S. Seefeld of the Loup County News remarks that "G. W. Berge of Lincoln is frequently mentioned as the proper man for the fusionists to nominate for governor. He would suit all sections of the state and would make big inroads on the B. & M. vote at the state capital."

D. Livinston of the Lawrence Locomotive quotes with approval from the

IN CLOSE QUARTERS.

Death Menaced the Hidden Scouts from Two Directions.

Many and varied were the experiences which befell the heroes of Indian warfare. Jack Stillwell and "Pete" Trudeau, two border scouts, had a peculiar adventure one day in northern Kansas when on the way to summon help to the little fort on the Arkansas River, which was besieged by the Indians.

The two scouts had made their way under cover of the darkness until they thought they were safe from pursuit. Then they plunged boldly forward.

They were crossing a level plain when they descried several Indians on horseback. Hoping that they had not been seen by the savages, the white men dropped to the ground, and seeing the skeleton of a buffalo not far distant, they quickly got behind it and concealed themselves in some weeds which grew rank and high about it. Poor though it was, it was the only shelter in the vast plain.

They had not been long hidden when they heard the galloping of horses' hoofs, and the Indians came to a halt not a hundred yards from where they lay. They gave themselves up for lost for a moment, but soon ascertained that the Indians had halted merely for breakfast.

At that very instant, however, they were menaced by an unexpected danger. They were pressing close against the buffalo skeleton, afraid to move for fear of disclosing themselves to the Indians, when they heard a peculiar whirr, and to their horror saw a huge rattlesnake coiled within two feet of their faces.

It was a trying moment. Death threatened them on either hand. Both men remained motionless, however, and at length the angry rattler quieted down and its tail ceased its rapid vibration, although it still remained in coil. The slightest movement on the part of the scouts sufficed to set the rattles in motion again.

For what seemed a long time the situation remained unchanged. Then Jack, who was solacing himself with a large chew of tobacco, suddenly spat squarely on the snake's head.

The reptile was taken by surprise and the result was good. The snake uncoiled and glided off, actually crawling over Trudeau's leg as it went.

The Indians rode away soon afterward, and the two scouts drew a breath of relief. But it was not for several hours that they dared to venture from their place of concealment.

QUEER STORIES

In music the thumb is counted as a finger, otherwise the fourth finger is the little finger.

In some of the farming districts of China pigs are harnessed to small wagons and made to draw them.

All birds serve as weathervanes when they are perched on trees or bushes, as they almost invariably face the wind.

In Zululand, when the moon is at the full, objects are visible at a distance of seven miles. By starlight one can read with ease.

Grasshoppers are so great a plague at Hay, N. S. W., that they obscure all the street lamps at night, leaving the town in total darkness.

The largest sum ever spent in improving one street was \$14,300,000, on the Rue de Rivoli, Paris. New Cannon street, London, cost \$2,950,000.

The Misticthys luzonensis of the Philippines averages a half-inch in length. This fish is scooped up in quantities and used as food. It belongs to the goby family.

Berlin has a little circus in which the performers are trained ants. They dance, turn somersaults, draw miniature wagons, fight sham battles and perform other wonders.

A Parisian lamplighter makes his rounds on a bicycle, with a long torch carried over his right shoulder. He guides the wheel with the left hand, and is so expert that he lights the lamps without dismounting.

It was William Pitt who originated the income tax in Great Britain, in 1798, as a war tax. The Napoleonic wars were fought with it. From that time to this it has been the resort of all ministers to meet war expenditures.

New York has more incoming and outgoing trains a day than Chicago has; all roads entering New York, including, as you say, Jersey City and Hoboken, are double-track lines; almost all of those entering Chicago are single-track roads.

The King of England receives a salary or "civil list" of £470,000, or, say, \$2,350,000; out of this he has to pay certain fixed charges. The King of Prussia receives at least 15,719,296 marks, or about \$3,852,770. He receives nothing as German Emperor.

Professor Seybold, of Stuttgart, has discovered in the Tuebingen University library an Arabic manuscript five hundred years old, which is probably the original of the "Arabian Nights." He has also found manuscript describing the whole religious system of the Druses.

A certain medical celebrity once said, if his patients would eat a couple of good oranges before breakfast, from February to July, his practice would be gone. Ailing folks ought to try the experiment. The price of the oranges would not amount to one-fourth of the physician's bill.

The smell from frying cat fish remains in the house as long as fumes from boiling kraut.

Conventions

Nebraska republican state convention, Lincoln, June 18.

Nebraska populist state convention, Grand Island, June 24.

Nebraska democratic state convention, Grand Island, June 24.

First district republican congressional, Lincoln, May 27.

Fourth district republican congressional, Beatrice, June 16.

Fifth district republican congressional, Hastings, June 10.

Kansas democratic state, Wichita, May 22.

Kansas populist state, Topeka, June 24.

South Dakota populist state, Huron, June 25.

Sixth congressional, democratic, Kearney, July 9.

Sixth congressional, populist, Kearney, July 9.

NEBRASKA COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Harlan, republican, at Orleans, June 6; nominating.

Red Willow, republican, at McCook, May 24; nominating.

Pawnee, republican, Pawnee City, May 24.

Burt, republican, Oakland, May 19.

York, democratic, York, June 14.

York, populist, York, June 14.

Fillmore, republican, Geneva, May 20.

Knox, republican, Center, June 7.

Madison, republican, was held at Battle Creek, Wednesday, May 7; delegates selected to state convention. Instructed for W. M. Robertson for governor.

State Institutions

When your republican neighbor shows you a statement that the Dietrich-Savage-Bartley combination is running the state institutions more economically than under the fusion administrations of Holcomb and Poynter—and that everything is running along so smoothly—just inquire why John Mallahan resigned as superintendent of the boys' industrial school at Kearney. He will doubtless tell you that it was because John got a cracking good job out in Colorado—that is, he lie the republican papers are telling, although one of them has fled away in a pigeon-hole a four-column story of scandals connected with that institution. John resigned before the populist and democratic papers made any mention of the scrapes out in his institution—he was compelled to do so.

Might ask that republican neighbor if he noticed the item in the State Journal a week or so ago relating that the dead body of a day-old child had been found in the weeds near the penitentiary. There is not a particle of doubt that if this matter could be thoroughly investigated and the truth known, that another republican official would be called on to resign. There are men about the penitentiary who could tell the truth about the death of that hapless infant, conceived in iniquity, born in disgrace—and put out of the way.

Here is a sample of republican statements. Figures compiled by the republican press bureau at the capitol, and published in republican papers over the state. Institution for feeble-minded youth, at Beatrice. Fusion expended from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900, as shown by the auditor's books, under Poynter's administration. Republican expenditures from April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902, as shown by the auditor's books, under the Dietrich-Savage administration.

THE REPUBLICAN LIE.

Fusion \$56,896 28

Republican 37,159 12

Republican "saving".....\$19,737 16

THE REAL FACTS.

Fusion—

For current expenses.....\$28,211 63

For four new buildings..... 26,776 04

Total \$54,987 67

Republican—

For current expenses.....\$37,165 12

Purchase of land..... 13,713 90

Total \$50,879 02

The fusion current expenses were actually \$8,953.49 less than the republican current expenses. A republican lie of only \$28,000 to \$30,000 for one institution is, however, rather better than one who is acquainted with republican methods, might expect.

Spiced Peas.

Take one teaspoonful of whole cloves, one tablespoonful of allspice and one tablespoonful of lemon. Crush them slightly and boil one minute in a quart of vinegar and a pint of sugar mixed. Selects fine variety of peas, halve them, taking out the seeds, boil them in water until nearly tender, and finish them in the syrup, cooking them not too soft. Cover them well with syrup and place them in small stone jars. Tie a cover over the jar.